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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2002 in which the Examiner rejected claims 1-19. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 13, lines 14-15 with the following paragraph:

~~The crystals were formed as described in Example 1 with the exception that 7.5% (v/v) acetone was added instead of 10% (v/v).~~

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10 and 19 without prejudice.

Please substitute the following amended claims for the claims having the same claim number:

1. (Amended) A process for production of cation crystals of growth hormone (GH) or of a GH derivative, said process comprising the following steps: